Non-compliance with NHRC directives by State Government

2168. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received by Government from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) about reluctance of some State Governments in complying with its directives and or in furnishing requisite details asked for by the Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the nature of complaints received from the Commission alongwith names of the accused States;

(c) if not, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the disclosures made in this regard by the Chairman, NHRC, as reported in the 'Indian Express' of 17th July, 1994; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government are aware of the press report in question. The Commission has not taken up this matter with this Ministry. However, all State Governments have been advised by this Ministry to extend the fullest cooperation in matters pertaining to the Commission. Issues related to allegations of custodial deaths and other violations of human rights by the law enforcement agencies are also being closely pursued with the State Governments.

Muslims detained under TADA

2169. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large number of Muslims have been detained under TADA during the Ayodhya disturbances;

(b) whether any action has been initiated to review the cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Union Home Minister has stated that some States have misused the provisions of TADA; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the misuse of the provisions of TADA by State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) This ministry does not maintain information community-wise of the persons arrested under TADA.

(b) The State Government have reported that they are very cautious about the use of TADA and they have issued orders for review of all cases.

(c) and (d) On the report of alleged misuse of TADA the Government has reiterated that the provisions of the Act may be invoked only in very genuine cases pertaining to terrorists and disruptionists, that they should not be invoked against criminals for whom normal laws are sufficient.

Communal riots in the country

2170. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEFM AFZAL : Will the Miniser of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of incidents of communal riots that took place in the country from 1st June, 1991 till date;

(b) State-wise the number of persons killed, rendered homeless and became physically handicapped in those incidents; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c). Maintenance of Public Order is a State subject as stated in List-II—State List of